

**Environmental Advisory Committee  
Minutes - March 13, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
Forest Hills Borough Building**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Jack Lawrence, Molly Mehling, Elizabeth Hanzel, Elizabeth Donohoe. Patricia D. Brown sent her regrets. The EAC welcomed new member, Elizabeth Hanzel who was a member of the Bird and Wildlife Committee. The Committee is now part of the EAC.

**Approval of Minutes**

The February minutes were revised, accepted and approved.

**Reports of Committee Members**

Elizabeth Hanzel gave an overview of the work of the Bird and Wildlife Committee. The committee was created in the 1960's.

Lawrence updated Hanzel about the mission of the EAC. The council reformed in 2012 and is presently recruiting members. The Committee has not been contacted by Council for any advisory work.

**Old Business**

The committee continues to seek nominees to be appointed to the committee.

**New Business**

Discussion centered around projects where the Committee can make an impact on the Borough and its' residents.

These included:

- 1) Pursuing sustainability certification for the Borough.
- 2) Outreach and awareness education to residents on the following subjects:
  - storm water information or workshops
  - rain barrels
  - composting
  - existing bird sanctuaries
  - backyard WWW applications: e.g. Yardmap, iNaturalist
- 3) Quality of open borough streams.
- 4) Bird Sanctuaries.
  - building and maintaining bat or owl houses
  - creating "seed bombs"; children's project
- 5) Sponsor or support bird counts.
- 6) Utilize internship opportunities.

Members are asked to review the preliminary list and propose ways to proceed on the projects deem achievable. The March meeting will review the projects and choose one

or two to undertake in 2013-2014.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7:00PM

Respectfully Submitted, Elizabeth Donohoe, Acting Secretary